

Semington Neighbourhood Planning

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting 13 November 8th 2022

1930 to 2130 in the village hall social club / zoom



13.1

Those steering group members present: Vicky Bodman VB, Sheralyn Milburn SM, Bill Scott BS, Peter Smith PS, and Hugh Turnbull HT. Katie Lee (Place Studios) attended. Apologies were received from Emma Day and Ian Williamson.

13.2

There were no declarations of interest in relation to the agenda.

13.3/4

The minutes of steering group meeting 12 on October 12th were approved, and the updated information set out in the minutes was noted. The outcomes of the climate change survey were noted and these will now be incorporated into the consultation statement. **Action BS**

13.5

The site visit by AECOM went positively and all the 14 SHELAA sites were surveyed. In addition, the motel field was also surveyed as representatives of the owners (the St John Trust) had said that they wished it to be considered as a possible site for development. AECOM are on schedule for late November reporting.

13.6

The surveying of parish businesses is under way with a 26th November reporting date. A number of changes to the survey tasks were made. Data are to be reported to HT (ideally electronically) who will collate, analyse and circulate them in time for the next meeting, time permitting. **Action All – HT**

The survey of working from home (420 survey forms sent out with the village magazine) has so far resulted in 12 replies. The results show the wide variety of jobs that people who work from home pursue, and suggest that they could be making more use of village facilities and businesses. In order to increase responses, the survey will be sent again to SG members who will approach those local neighbours who work from home, and a Facebook Poll will be set up. **Action HT**

13.7

The Place Studios revision to the Green Space report was discussed and 9 sites were agreed to have the potential to be taken forward to the next stage where landowners will be approached.

A proforma letter will form the basis of contact with landowners. This will invite landowners to respond. Where the landowner is known personally, they will be approached informally before a letter is sent.

Action BS who will liaise with **KL** to ensure that land ownership is identified.

KL will liaise with Wiltshire Council where it owns land. A mid-January response date was agreed.

13.8

The proposed changes to the draft Parish Character statement were discussed and agreed. **KL** will now identify a "to do" list of actions to complete this.

As many images as possible need to be forwarded to **KL** to fill in blank spaces; **Action BS** who would also contact **JH** to see if she has images of Littleton and Little Marsh that could be used.

It was agreed to look again at pages 16/17 to see if further text can be added. **Action All**

13.9

The revised Introduction to the neighbourhood plan was welcomed as a strong text. It was agreed to look at this again with a view to seeing if anything was missing, redundant, or needed correcting. Comments will be sent to BS – **Action All** – **BS** will then forward the amended text to KL with any questions that arise.

Following this, it will be sent to critical friends for comment in the new year.

13.10

The amended list of non-designated heritage assets was agreed. It is attached as an appendix. A proforma letter for conducting landowners will be produced. **Action KL**

PS will approach landowners in the new year. NB, WWII assets can be viewed as one item

13.11

It was decided to have the next village consultation in March when proposals around housing development would be in place.

13.12

The 14th and 15th steering group meetings will be on Tuesday December 13th and January 17th in the Village Hall social club. **BS** will book the rooms.

Business for the 14th will include:

- AECOM report
- Business survey outcome
- Landscape assessment report

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Circulated November

Agreed list of non-designated heritage assets in the parish.

Included

all the WW II military artefacts in the parish
the K&A canal as a whole, and the 100m hinterland to its south (Would need to justify this figure of 100m which relates to the setting of the canal...also – this is what we are aiming to pin down somewhat through the landscape work.)
the swing bridges on the K&A
the locks on the K&A canal
Semington dock
the various bridges and crossings over the brook
the bridge walls on the High St. road bridge across Semington Brook
the redundant bridge and brickwork on the dry channel in the field south of Semington Brook and east of the High St
the iron bridge from the same field across the brook
the railings at the church boundary (along Church St.)
the ridge and furrow fields in the village *possible...*
the benches around the village, especially those with dedication plaques - yes
the Toll House - the cottage at the northern most end of High Street (at the entrance to the village) *need to check if it is listed*
the phone box
the structural bank of the canal either side of the viaduct *possibly?*

Those not included

the key views we've already identified in the plan – *no these are grouped under a landscape /views evidence base and will be covered by a separate policy in the plan*
All the public rights of way within the parish: public footpaths, bridleways, by-ways, and permissive paths – *not non designated heritage assets*
Semington brook, including the land 100m to the north and south which acts as a floodplain in winter
the meanders of the brook
the mill stream and race at Littleton
the football pitch *more of a community facility*
the tennis court – *more of a community facility*

Jubilee Wood – *Natural Feature*
10 Oaks and associated planting along the A361 - *Natural Feature which we can highlight in the Character Statement*
the solitary oak marking the WW I armistice - *Natural Feature which we can highlight in the Character Statement*
the oak tree at the junction of the High Street and St George's Road *Natural Feature which we can highlight in the Character Statement*
the dead elms in hedgerows *Natural Feature which we can highlight in the Character Statement*
the trees at the north-east of the roundabout *Natural Feature which we can highlight in the Character Statement*
the dew ponds in the parish *Natural Feature which we can highlight in the Character Statement*
St George's School – *more of a community facility*
the village hall - *more of a community facility but could also be a non-designated heritage asset*
the war memorial – *Listed* - <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/results/?searchType=NHLE+Simple&search=Semington>
the churchyard – *a number of assets are listed in the churchyard.*
Wessex Close play area - *more of a community facility*

These are cultural / heritage assets that are not already formally listed (as many of our buildings are (britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/semington-wiltshire#.Y0IjaS8w2Zw)).